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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Offensive Systems Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Emba Missile Test Range, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement OSI/289/62
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1298-62

1. This memorandum is a partial answer to your requirement dated 17 December 1962.

2. Further analysis of the area 18 nm SSW of Emba, USSR, reported as a possible missile associated area in OAK 9045, Part II, page 19, reveals that this activity is a surface-to-surface missile test range. It contains one secured road-served launch area and one possible launch area at 48-33N 58-00E, an instrumented range, a support and storage area, and a new airfield.

The launch area consists of two launch pads under construction approximately 1,000 feet apart, a probable checkout building and some unidentified scarring. The possible launch area is secured and contains a circular road pattern. These two areas are situated near the apex of a V-shaped instrumentation pattern containing at least nine instrumentation sites and extending for approximately 35 nm in a SSW direction.

The instrumented range layout resembles that associated with the surface-to-surface missile launch facilities at both Kapustin Yar Missile Test Range, USSR and Shuang-Cheng-Tzu Missile Test Range, China. Also in the vicinity and associated with the missile range is a rail-served support area, an open storage area with seven rail spurs, barracks areas, and a new airfield (48-44N 58-02E) approximately 8,000 feet long, with 15 or 20 aircraft present.

Although this area was snow-covered on small-scale, [REDACTED] photography, no construction activity was observed. Extensive track activity was observed on [REDACTED] photography probably associated with initial construction. [REDACTED] photography the range appeared to be nearing completion and on [REDACTED] photography the four major down-range instrumentation sites, under construction in [REDACTED] appeared to be completed.

3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on extension [REDACTED]

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